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SUBJ: DEMAS TO TAKE UP CDB POST JULY 8

1. ACCORDING TO BARBADOS' PRIME MINISTER ERROL BARROW, CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF CDB BOARD OF GOVERNORS, CARICOM SECGEN WILLIAM DEMAS WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF CDB NOT LATER THAN JULY 8. P.M. BARROW REPORTS ALSO THAT UNDER AGREEMENT OF HEADS OF CARICOM GOVERNMENTS, MR. DEMAS WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM HIS FUNCTIONS AS CARICOM SECGEN AT THE JULY 15-19 CARICOM HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND COUNCIL MEETING IN ST. LUCIA.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE BACKGROUND ON DEMAS' DECISION TO COME ALMOST A MONTH EARLIER THAN PLANNED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, DECISION WAS GREETED BY CDB STAFF WITH RELIEF AND PLEASURE. CDB TELLS US THAT DEMAS WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES CONSTITUTIONALLY FROM JULY 8, BUT MAY NOT BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT FOR SOME TIME THEREAFTER. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW BACKGROUND OF DECISION AT THIS STAGE, IT APPEARS THAT MR. BARROW MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN DEMAS' EARLY ARRIVAL.
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